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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our weekly roundup of news where we share news from around the academy.

Parents' Evening

Year Nine Parents Evening is coming up on 1st December. We will be sending a message on Monday for parents to start booking appointments.

Sixth Form Dress Code

Again: a further reminder about this with Sixth Form. Over the past couple of weeks students seem to have relaxed their dress code. Please can you remind them that our expectation is 'smart casual'. Skirt lengths should be appropriate to professional dress and clothing should be smart.

Rewards

We have introduced a new rewards policy at the academy. We are encouraging a culture of praise. Log onto Synergy and look how many praise points your child has and join in with us to give them some praise for their achievements. There will be a selection of different rewards and prizes for those students who accumulate the most praise points over a half-term and term.

Year Seven Form Time

In form time this week, students in Year 7 have been discussing what makes good teamwork and how teams work together to achieve a shared goal. Students have also focused on how their use of language and behaviour impacts the team.



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Readathon 2021

Year 7 and Year 8 Readathon started on Monday 15th November and ends on Monday 29th November. All money raised goes towards funding storytellers to visit children in hospital as well as providing stories to be read to children who spend long periods of their lives in hospital.

Students have been given a sponsor card and are encouraged to ask family and friends to sponsor them. Sponsors must donate online by visiting <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor/>



Sporting Success

We are very proud to share the achievements of Bethany with all our school community. Bethany had a great and successful 3 days at the Home Countries International Championships held in Largs, with England the overall winner.

Congratulations to Bethany Ellis: Silver Medallist in U19 Singles today - (only losing to 1 player during whole competition) Also Bethany & her teammate who gained Silver in U19 Doubles, great team work girls.

Bethany was called up to play for England in the Junior Girls team of just two players. She had since enjoyed success representing her country in the prestigious European Youth Championships this year in Croatia. She is now ranked #1 in England in girls U15 and is also the current National Champion at this age.



Remembrance

Last week we marked Remembrance through a full week of assemblies and marking the two-minute silence on Armistice Day.

Last Sunday, Georgie Wallwork in Year 8 wrote a poem for Remembrance Day and shared it with her English teacher, Mrs Davies.

Georgie was due to read the poem aloud at Morecambe's Remembrance Service but unfortunately, she was so nervous and hot (wearing too many layers in anticipation of the cold) that she fainted and was unable to share it. We are sharing it with you instead!

All the bodies on the floor, is this England forever more?

Dodging landmines hidden in the ground, God decided today was the day
which upon us he frowned.

In the trenches there was no more room, the time has come for me to
accept my doom.

I hear men letting out their final cry, we're reminded every year that
Flanders Field is where the noble lie.



Reading

This year as part of our improvement planning we are focusing on reading across the school. Teachers have received training on reading strategies within their own subject areas and we are developing a whole school reading culture. This morning students in 7A were given their free Book Buzz books and have enjoyed starting to read them during form time. As you can see below, there was a real range of genres to choose from.



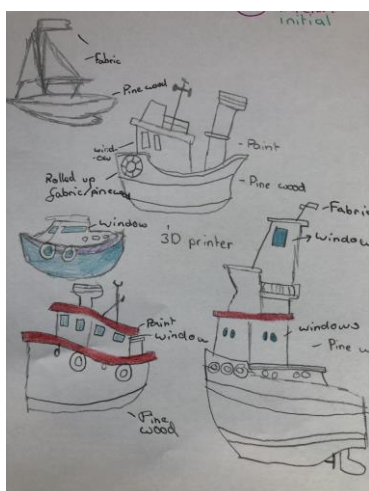
Anti- Bullying Week 22/11/21

Next week marks anti-bullying week. We will be having assemblies to talk about the importance of kind behaviour and also the importance of reporting bullying. We have a new behaviour policy that covers how we respond to any form of bullying. The policy is on our website under policies.

Round up of News from Subject Areas

Technology

In Technology students have been developing students quick sketching and designing techniques ready for practical work next week in Design Technology this week. Students have been focusing on observational skills, annotation techniques and resilience when designing to a specific deadline. We can't wait to see what is produced in the workshops.



PE

Well done to the YR 8 /9 Handball team that won a Handball Tournament at Central High. Well done to Howard H, Ben Mc, Alfie CS, Petru M, Illia S, Finn B, Dylan B, Leo GK, Zander L, Jude B



Maths

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved a top three position in their year group, for most correctly answered questions on HegartyMaths.com, during the first two weeks of this half term.

HegartyMaths.com enables pupils to take control of their own learning and develop their independent skills.

Year 7

1st – Berru K
2nd – Sienna C
3rd – Charlie L

Year 8

1st – Elise P
2nd – Saheefah R
3rd – Erin E

Year 9

1st – Finlay B
2nd – Katie S
3rd – Amy W

Year 10

1st – Jacob W
2nd – Gary B
3rd – Emelia H

Year 11

1st – Daniel B
2nd – Tyler G
3rd – Grace H

A Special mention for Berru K for having the highest score in the school, Well done Berru!

MFL

The latest French learners of the week are:

Theo P Y7,
Dagmara C Y10
Jake R Y9
Olivia W Y11

LIFE

This week we have been asking the students to reflect on their learning and the skills they have been developing throughout the half term in their life lessons. They have made some very insightful and thoughtful comments about how they intend to use the skills they have developed, and how they can apply their knowledge to their own lives and the lives of their friends and families, now and in their future. It's really fantastic to see the students growing and developing in self-awareness, empathy and confidence. Here are some examples of the students comments and the topic module they have been learning in their life lessons

Year 7- Healthy Living

"My attitudes have developed in the way I have understood a lot about puberty. I could use this knowledge to teach younger people who maybe haven't gone through puberty yet and are worried"

Year 8- Relationships

"I know how to support LGBTQAI+ correctly and how to not fall into the trap of sexting" Year 9- Relationships and Safety

"I have matured about learning about sex. Also, what I should do about knife crime and who I should call for help"

"I will recognise when you could be in a not so healthy relationship, and the relationship could turn nasty"

Year 10 -Mental Health

"Because I felt like I've learnt about signs of suicide, I could put this into a real like situation if my friends are going through a hard time and if they aren't feeling great" Year 11- Respect and Consent

"I can feel more confident in a possible relationship with saying no, It's not weird to say no"

"I will use this knowledge in later life with sexual relationships, I will be able to identify healthy and abusive relationships and can properly agree to and understand consent"

"When/if I get into a relationship. I will know how to identify if I'm being mistreated"

"I have gained a more open mindset. I can use my knowledge to help others through tough times"

Ms Slatter, Mrs Cummings and Miss Paternoster would like to say a huge well done to all these pupils.

Science

7y2- Miss Smith was really impressed with the effort to produce some excellent cooling curve graphs.

7x2- Mr Chapman was really pleased at everyone taking part acting out being particles to demonstrate changes of state.

11x3- Miss Black has been extremely impressed with the focus and effort of the whole class for their required practical on Rates of a Chemical reaction.

Well done to the following students for receiving a postcard of praise in Science-

KS3- Jack J, Berry K, Annie L, Ola M, Declan N, Lucas H, Chloe N, Kate H, Libby P,

KS4- Paige A, Alex W, Lewis A, Patrick L, Emily O, Matt L, Caitlin B, Tegan T, Alice T, Bethany S, Daisy B, Marianne W, Summer E

KS5- Chris M, Luke F, Ola C

As you can see we have had a very busy week again. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Heather McClurg (Principal)